

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended)      A ~~tire~~ tire tread comprising ~~at least~~ a rubber composition, said composition comprising ~~at least~~ a diene elastomer, a reinforcing inorganic filler, a coupling agent and a plasticising agent, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the diene elastomer comprises more than 30 phr of butyl rubber and ~~in that~~ the plasticising agent comprises an unsaturated (C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>) fatty acid triester of glycerol.

2. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of butyl rubber ~~being~~ is at least 40 phr.

3. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to Claim 2, wherein the amount of butyl rubber ~~being~~ is within a range from 40 to 80 phr.

4. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the butyl rubber ~~being~~ is a halogenated butyl rubber.

5. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to Claim 4, wherein the butyl rubber ~~is being~~ is a brominated butyl rubber.

6. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1, wherein the fatty acid of the glycerol triester ~~being to~~ is for more than 50% by weight selected from among the group consisting of oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid and mixtures of these acids.

7. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to Claim 6, wherein the fatty acid ~~comprising~~ comprises more than 50% by weight of oleic acid.

8. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to Claim 7, wherein the fatty acid ~~comprising~~ comprises more than 80% by weight of oleic acid.

9. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to Claim 8, wherein the glycerol fatty acid triester ~~being~~ is glycerol trioleate.

10. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to Claim 9, wherein the glycerol trioleate ~~being~~ is present in the form of sunflower oil.

11. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 10~~ Claim 1, wherein the amount of glycerol triester ~~being~~ is between 5 and 80 phr.

12. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to Claim 11, wherein the amount of glycerol trimester ~~being~~ is between 10 and 50 phr.

13. (Currently amended)      ~~The~~ A tread according to Claim 12, wherein the amount of glycerol triester ~~being~~ is within a range from 15 to 30 phr.

14. (Currently amended) ~~The A tread according to any one of Claims 1 to 13~~ Claim 1, wherein the diene elastomer ~~comprising~~ comprises, in addition to the butyl rubber, at least one elastomer selected from among the group consisting of polybutadienes, synthetic polyisoprenes, natural rubber, butadiene copolymers, isoprene copolymers and mixtures of these elastomers.

15. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a tire tread having improved grip on wet roads, ~~characterised in that it~~ wherein said process comprising comprises the ~~following~~ steps of:

- incorporating in a diene elastomer, in a mixer:

- a reinforcing inorganic filler;
- a coupling agent;
- a plasticising agent,

by thermomechanically kneading the entire mixture, in one or more stages, until a maximum temperature of between 130°C and 200°C is reached;

- cooling the entire mixture to a temperature of less than 100°C;

- then incorporating:

- a cross-linking system;

- kneading the entire mixture until a maximum temperature of less than 120°C is reached;

- extruding or calendering the rubber composition thus obtained, in the form of a tire tread;

~~characterised in that~~ wherein the diene elastomer comprises more than 30 phr of butyl rubber and the plasticising agent comprises an unsaturated (C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>) fatty acid triester of glycerol.

16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A tire comprising a tread according to claim 1.